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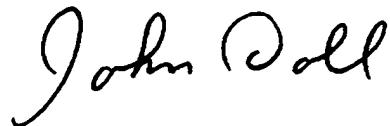
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(54) METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTENT BLOCKING

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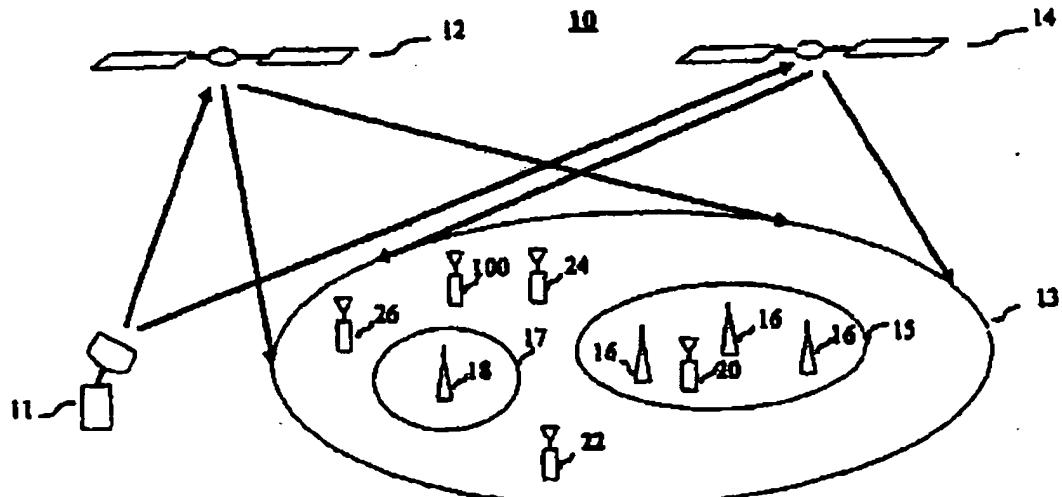
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(57) ABSTRACT

A method of disabling at least a portion of one of a plurality of channels in a digital audio radio system includes the steps of receiving (702) a digitally encoded bit stream over-the-air on the plurality of channels and decoding (704) a selected channel among the plurality of channels. The method further comprises the steps of selectively tagging (706) an undesired type of content on the selected channel, analyzing (708) for an indication of content of the undesired type among the plurality of channels, and selectively disabling (710) at least the portion of the selected channel containing the undesired type of content.

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FIG. 1

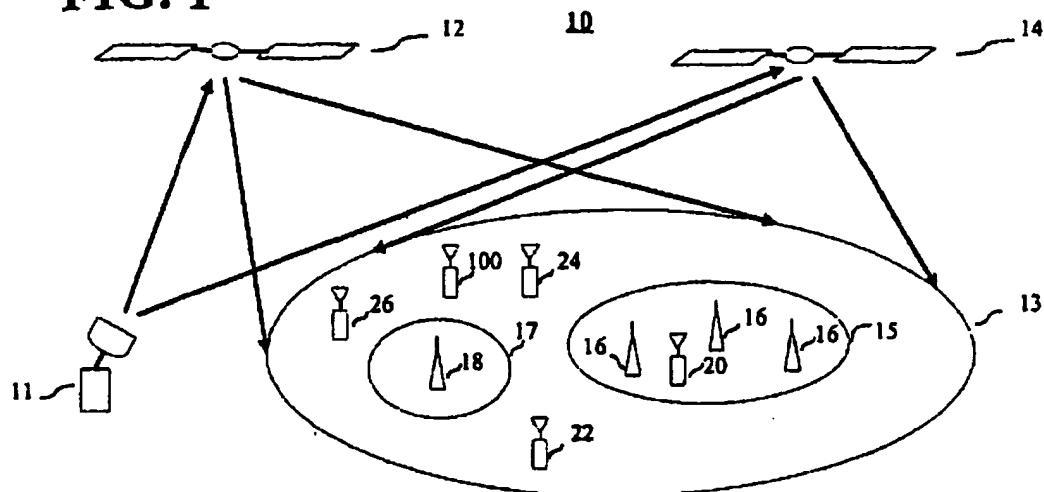


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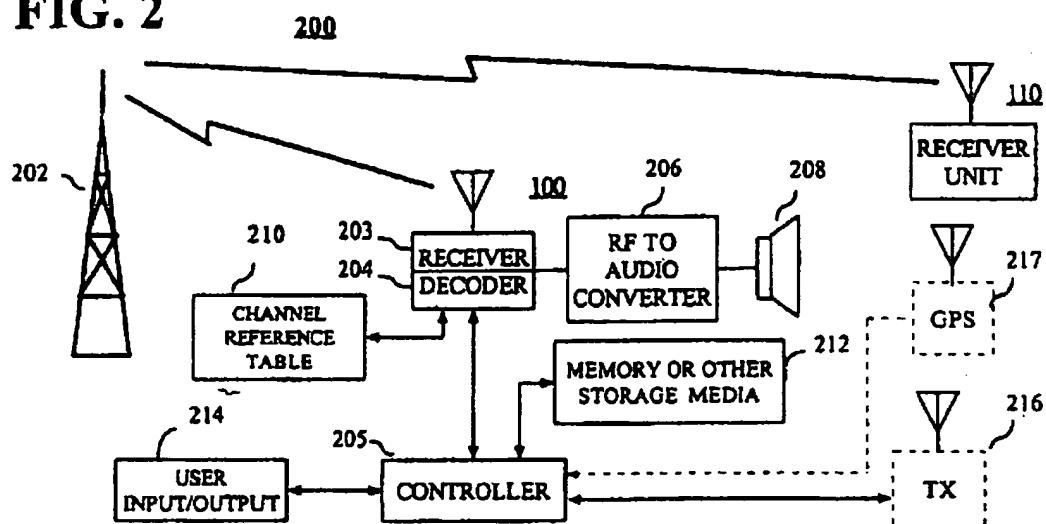
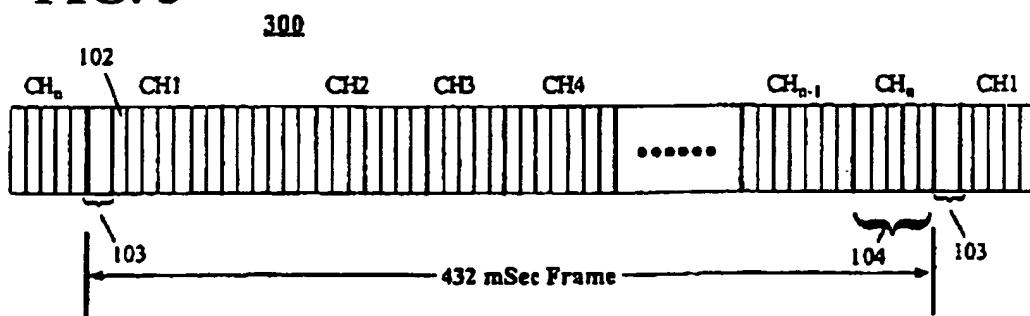


FIG. 3



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FIG. 4

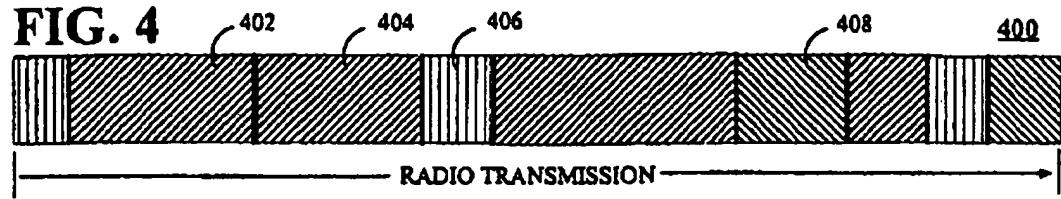


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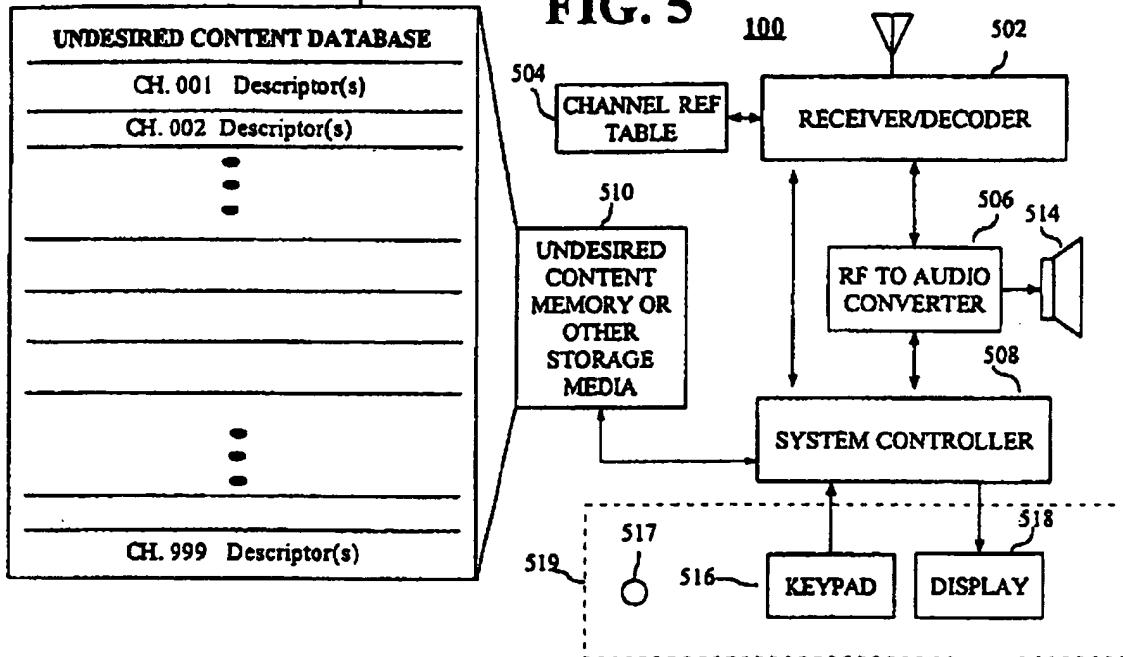


FIG. 6

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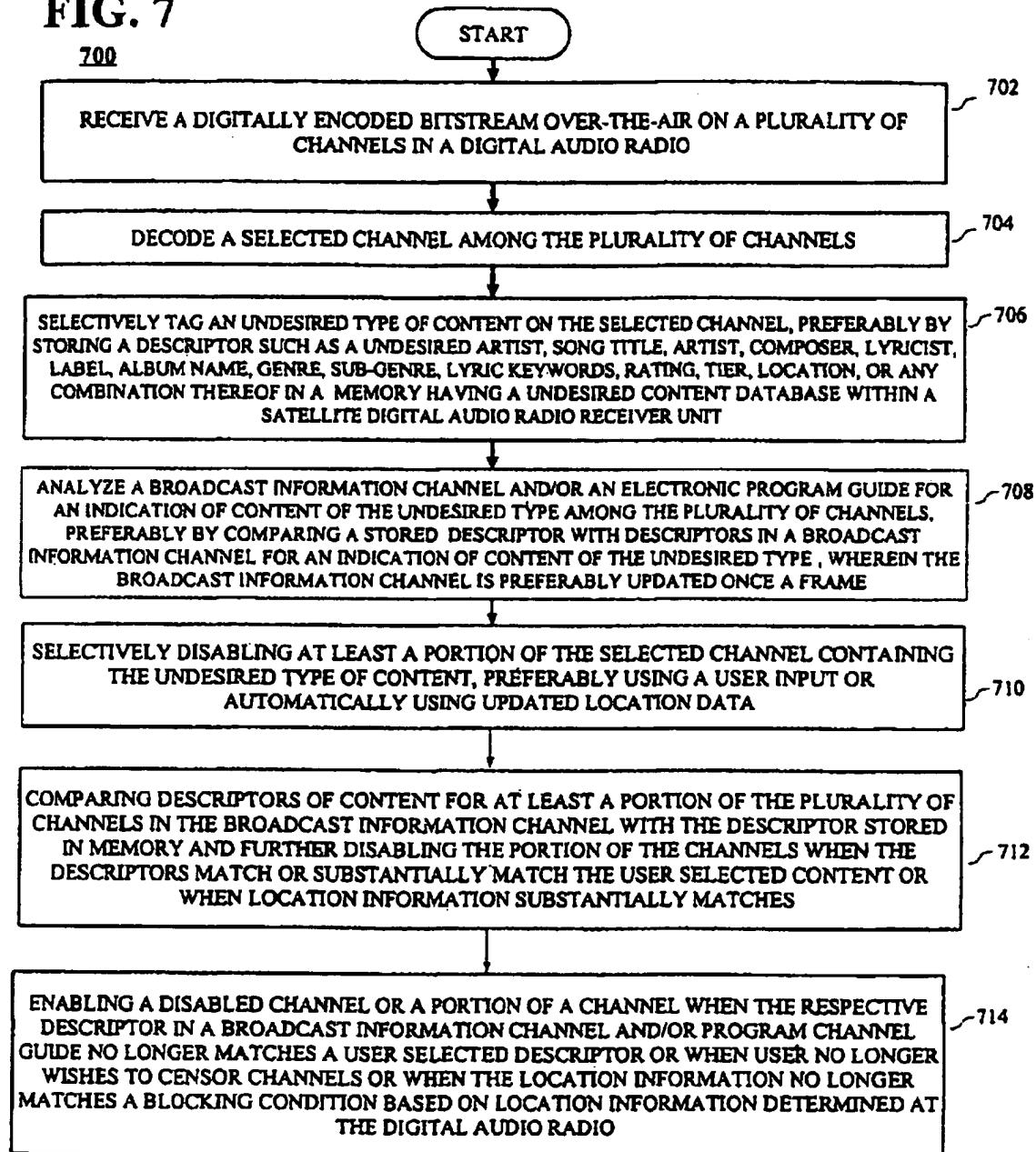
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FIG. 7

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FIG. 8

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START

RECEIVE A DIGITALLY ENCODED BIT STREAM OVER-THE-AIR WITH A PLURALITY OF CHANNELS CONTAINING CONTENT AND ASSOCIATED INDEX INFORMATION

802

SELECTIVELY DECODE AT LEAST A PORTION OF THE PLURALITY OF CHANNELS

804

SELECTIVELY STORE DESCRIPTORS IN A MEMORY CORRESPONDING TO UNDESIRED CONTENT CONTAINED IN THE PORTION OF THE PLURALITY OF CHANNELS

806

COMPARE THE SELECTIVELY STORED DESCRIPTORS WITH THE ASSOCIATED INDEX INFORMATION

808

MATCHING DESCRIPTOR?

809

NO

RETURN

YES

ALERT A USER OF POTENTIAL UNDESIRED CONTENT IF AT LEAST A PORTION OF THE SELECTIVELY STORED DESCRIPTORS MATCHES THE ASSOCIATED INDEX INFORMATION, WHEREIN THE ASSOCIATED INDEX INFORMATION IS PREFERABLY UPDATED ONCE A FRAME IN A SDARS BROADCAST

811

SELECTIVELY DISABLE AT LEAST THE SELECTED CHANNEL OR PORTION OF A CHANNEL CONTAINING THE UNDESIRED TYPE OF CONTENT, PREFERABLY USING A USER INPUT

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FIG. 9